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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence
SUBJECT : Andreas Papandreou

1. Andreas Papandreou will probably be on the Greek political scene for some time to come. He is a major figure in the Center Union Party (EK) and will probably succeed his father George as party leader. Andreas appears to have firm control of some 40 EK deputies, about one third of the total but, depending on the issue, can control considerably more. There is almost a complete break now between Andreas and his father, but both seem to be trying to avoid a final showdown in view of the coming elections (probably May). As long as his octogenarian father is alive, Andreas is not expected to take over the party. If the elder Papandreou dies before elections, the party would have only Andreas to lead it. If he should die after elections, Andreas might be challenged for party leadership depending on the degree of success the party had and its strength vis-a-vis the conservatives.

2. With the election two months off and with many key questions not yet answered, we believe the EK stands a good chance of winning a plurality in the next election. This would make Andreas the likely leader of a Coalition, if he could put one together. We are not sure how he would do this, but he would have to make a deal with some elements on the left.

3. Andreas has become the spokesman for a group of left-of-center, neutralist, perhaps slightly anti-Western politicians.

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[REDACTED] This is an attitude that has appeal to a sizable segment of youth who, if not voting

now, will in future elections. He also draws support of non-communist leftists who often have voted for the crypto-communist EDA, lacking any better choice. EDA itself stands to suffer from Andreas' popularity with the left and will oppose his attempts to expand at their expense. However, EDA would certainly support him against the conservatives. Andreas is generally not popular with the politicians, except his own coterie, in part because so much of his politicking is done publicly rather than in private as is traditional.

4. Andreas, in a position of power, would probably work to move Greece into a position less dependent on the West in general and the United States in particular. Although he wants US aid he would insist on a "no-strings" approach. He has charged the US with interfering in Greek political affairs and, if he were in a position to do so, would probably try to reduce some elements of the American presence in Greece. He considers a strong monarchy unconstitutional and would like to see the King as at most only a figurehead if not eliminated entirely.

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